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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Ulrich Stache et al.) Group Art Unit: 1616
Application No.: 08/897,455) Examiner: B. Radio
CPA Filed: May 31, 2001)
For: Corticoid-17,21-dicarboxylic esters and corticosteroid)
17-carboxylic ester 21-carbonic esters, processes for)
their preparation and pharmaceuticals containing)
these compounds)

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Sir:

Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination in this application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following applies to the non-English language documents:

JP 53059655: This document is believed to be a counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 4,176,126, a copy of which is enclosed. The document also discloses chemical formulas on pages 417 and 420-422.

DE 2 204 366: This document discloses chemical formulas on pages 1-5 and 22-25 and on the last two pages of the document. Applicants also enclose a Derwent Abstract of the document.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
	4,176,126	27 Nov 1979				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
	DE 2 204 366	02 Aug 1973	Germany			
	JP 53059655	29 May 1978	Japan			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Derwent Abstract of DE 2 204 366

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